

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

by Jeff Dickerson,
Columbia County Sheriff



**Sheriff's Report
of Fiscal Year 2010-11**

This month, I will share with you the happenings at the Sheriff's Office over the fiscal year that ended June 30.

In the Enforcement Division, our calls for service have risen over the past two years, and the number of calls in the year just ending show an increase of 9 percent over the number of

calls for service two years ago. The real telling number, though, is the number of calls per day. Deputies on average received more than 25 calls for service per day. A typical schedule for our deputies is about three deputies on duty per 24-hour day. That means that every single day a patrol deputy is managing the intake of more than 8 calls per shift. That is a lot, and I am extremely proud of the effort these men put into making me as successful as I can be at conserving the peace in our county. Their efforts have included solving burglaries, responding to suspicious person calls, locating stolen vehicles, arresting suspects, investigating fatal motor vehicle crashes, arresting drunken drivers, assisting outside agencies, serving arrest and search warrants, investigating drug offens-

es, and so much more.

Another outstanding accomplishment of our staff has been the improvement of our civil process services. One of the primary duties of Sheriff in the Oregon Constitution is to serve as a ministerial officer of the county and state courts. Those duties include providing security at Circuit Court functions and serving all civil process documents and orders throughout the county. Last fiscal year, our Civil Process Unit served nearly 1400 civil case orders and papers, or close to four cases across this county every single day.

Civil Process services often require painstaking investigation and follow-up to locate respondents and make sure people get their day in court to resolve dis-

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